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SUBJECT: RECENT TRAVEL OF GPRM OFFICLAS

1. SEVERAL SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRIPS, CONCERNED WITH BILATERAL AND PAN-AFRICAN ISSUES.

2. FORMER LABOR MINISTER MARIANO MATSINHA REPRESENTED MOZAMBIQUE AT THE AFRICAN LABOR COMMISSION SESSION IN TUNIS. ON HIS RETURN TO MAPUTO APRIL 27, MATSINHA SAID THAT THE MAIN TOPICS OF THE MEETING WERE DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE ILO AND MORE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THAT BODY BY THE AFRICAN NATIONS. DURING HIS ABSENCE, MATSINHA WAS NAMED MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

3. FORMER FINANCE MINISTER SALOMAO MUNGUAMBE, NEWLY NAMED MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, LED THE MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION TO THE LIBREVILLE MEETING OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. MOZAMBIQUE HOPES TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR FINANCING TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT WITH ADB.

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4. JOSE LUIS CABACO, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND PUBLIC WORKS & HOUSING MINISTER JULIO CARRILHO WERE IN LUSAKA IN MID-APRIL FOR A TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE WITH ZAMBIA AND MALAWI CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION. CABACO RETURNED MARCH 30 FROM A THREE-WEEK VISIT TO EAST GERMANY, DURING WHICH HE VISITED THE LEIPZIG TRADE FAIR AND DISCUSSED COOPERATION IN THE TRANSPORT FIELD.

5. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DEFENSE ADVISOR JACINTO VELOSO ARRIVED IN ANGOLA APRIL 14 AFTER WHICH HE VISITED CUBA. NO DETAILS OF HIS TRIP WERE DISCLOSED.

6. COMMENT: CABACO AND CARRILHO DISCUSSED RAIL AND ROAD LINKS FOR ZAMBIAN AND MALAWIAN EXPORTS THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE. FOLLOWING THE MACHEL-KAUNDA TALKS IN NAMPULA IN MARCH, BOTH COUNTRIES HOPED TO ESTABLISH A MEANS OF EFFICIENTLY EXPORTING ZAMBIAN COPPER THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE PORTS. THE TWO POSSIBLE ROUTES ARE BY ROAD FROM ZAMBIA TO THE RAIL SPUR AT MOATIZE IN TETE PROVINCE OR VIA MALAWI WHICH HAS RAIL CONNECTIONS TO BOTHBEIRA AND NACALA.
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